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Commissioners get update on treatment centers

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NEWPORT — The Sullivan County Commissioners on Thursday heard from John Gramuglia, director of programs at the Sullivan County Department of Corrections, and

County Administrator Greg Chanis, regarding the updates to the treatment center.

"There are two elements we are focusing on, one is programmatic, and the other is the construction and upgrades to the existing facility," said Gramuglia. "We're about two years

away, which gives us time to tweak the programming.

"We now have a time frame, and we want to have the structure in place, and get the staff and inmates conditioned," said Gramuglia. "It's pertinent to the culture of any environment that every one is in sync, and we want to be

sure that our correctional staff and clinical staff are in sync."

Chanis, Gramuglia and Department of Corrections Superintendent Ross Cunningham have been working to put together a timeline for the key activities at the department of corrections, and the treatment center.

The \$209,000 for the department of corrections upgrades in the fiscal year 2009 budget will be allocated towards new lightning, recreation upgrades, and security work.

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